GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2827
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SALE OF TOBACCO
SHASHI KUMAR

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from Karnataka Government seeking approval for the sale of entire tobacco produced in the State without imposing penalty on the farmers;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has considered the proposal seriously and approved it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): Government of Karnataka has proposed that the unregistered Flue CuredVirginia (FCV) tobacco growers be permitted to market their produce on payment of normal service charges.

(b) to (d): After a careful consideration of all relevant factors, the Government has levied a very nominal penalty of Rs 1.50 per kilogram and one per cent of the sale proceeds on marketing of excess FCV tobacco produced by the registered growers and the unauthorised FCV tobacco produced by unregistered growers in Karnataka during the 2003-04 season.